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Nov. 6, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

November 6, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your request for "Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund", Form 5524, has been referred to the Treasurer whose records, I am informed, show that 500 copies of this form were sent you on the 15th of April, last. He declines to furnish more unless these have miscarried. Probably they have been overlooked, but if they have failed to reach you please advise this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Nov. 6, 1888

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$5000.-

Nov. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000, from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, Act. Febry 28, 1878, to meet, in part, the expenses of that coinage at your mint, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Nov. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $10,250, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$2,700
Wages of Workmen,	1889	5,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889	2,500

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$35,000.00

Salaries	1889,	$3,000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	25,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	7,000

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$18,500.00

Salaries,	1889,	$3500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	12000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	3000

November 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $6000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 3,200
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	800
		6,000

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$485.40

Salaries,	1889	$285.40
Wages of Workmen,	1889	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889	
		485.00

Nov. 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Accounts,

with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1,000. from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet, in part the expense of that coinage at your mint during the currdnt month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 7th of Augt 1888, amounting to $66.11 payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $2000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889,	$800
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	200

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3d. instant, you are instructed that strict compliance with the Regulations is expected in all cases, and that the purpose of the sections to which your attention was called under date of the 30th ultimo was to discontinue what seems still to be the practice at the Mint at New Orleans in recording and paying for deposits not received direct from owners of bullion deposited.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1888.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Confirmed.

If Superintendent has not returned telegraph him that his presence is required at the mint, with reference to correspondence of Treasurer.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Nov. 7th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward statements of Deposits & Purchases form 60, Domestic Production form 61 and Bars manufactured of Gold and Silver form 61½ for September and October 1888.

These statements should be forwarded as soon as practicable after the close of each month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause the following coinage dies for the calendar year 1889 to be prepared and forwarded to the San Francisco Mint in order to reach there prior to 1st January next:

Ten (10) Pairs, Half Eagles
Ten (10) Pairs, Eagles,
Ten (10) Pairs, Double Eagles
Ten (10) Pairs, Standard Dollars

(over)

Twenty (20) Pairs, Dimes.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 8, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Cols. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars, ($80,479.$\frac{23}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars ($799.$\frac{76}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Eight $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars, ($81,278.$\frac{99}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated November 5th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Nov. 8, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, at Charlotte N. C. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Four $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars ($15,204.$\frac{53}{100}$,) in Gold Coin and Eighty-three $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($83.$\frac{02}{100}$,)

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in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars ($15287\frac{55}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 2nd, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 8, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Nov. 2, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10 dated Oct. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $15,319.$\frac{58}{100}$, charges $32.$\frac{03}{100}$, and net value $15,287\frac{55}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Nov. 8, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 5, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated

October 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $81,481.16/100, charges $202.17/100, and net value $81,278.99/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 8th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I return herewith for your signature the following gold mint receipts belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1888, viz: 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 105, 284, 286, 403 and 415.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense account for the month of August your attention is called to an erroneous voucher No. 31, bill of the Johnson Iron works.

The amount of the bill as entered on the abstract of disbursements is $418.27 while the expenditure covered by the voucher is only $334.77. You will observe that one of the sheets composing the voucher is a duplicate.

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Please correct and return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 8th, 1888.

Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find voucher #77. and Petty voucher #68. pertaining to your Ordinary Expense account for the mo. of Sept. You will observe that the first of these is in duplicate, and covers an expenditure of only $3.90, while the amount entered on the Abstract of disbursements as paid to Harry Haag for Mallow, is $24.30. In voucher #68 the items composing the bill of C. McEvoy also seem to be duplicated and only one sub-voucher is enclosed. An explanation of this voucher is required.

Your attention is also called to the fact that Petty voucher #65., bill of E. Stauffer and Co. for Rivets, was not filed with the account.

Please cause the corrections to be made and return enclosures, with the voucher omitted at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

November 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

You are requested to give the agent or represen-

-tative of Adams Express Company every facility for an investigation of your mode of packing and shipping, sealing, etc., the Standard silver dollars now being and for some time past transferred to the Treasury at Washington.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 28th of Sept., amounting to $41.81 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office, fiscal year, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

November 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have before me yours of the 25th ultimo enclosing proposals for fifty thousand (50,000) pounds, more or less, of One-cent Blanks, milled and cleaned, as per advertisement for which authority was given you on the 12th ultimo, with the recommendation that the proposal of Joseph Wharton be accepted at the price of thirty-four and nine-tenths (34.9) cents per

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pound, accompanied by the supplementary offer on his part of "the entire quantity of such blanks that the Mint shall need during one year from this date" (October 25, 1888), "not exceeding a total of 300,000 lbs. beyond the first 50,000 lbs., at the same price of 34 9-10 cts. per lb."

I have also before me a copy of a communication to you from Mr. Joseph Wharton dated November 3, 1888, (enclosed with yours of same date,) in which he writes as follows: "My bid of Oct. 25th, 1888, for delivering to the Mint all bronze one cent coin blanks which might be needed within a year, not exceeding a total of 350,000 lbs., may be construed to mean that the blanks shall be annealed, as well as milled and cleaned. Your letter accepting that bid may therefore stipulate that the blanks are to be delivered annealed, cleaned and milled, at my bidding price of thirty four and nine tenth cents per pound."

On the subject of this proposal I have to say that while I do not think it would be expedient to accept Mr. Wharton's proposal in the exact terms as above quoted, I should probably approve a contract made with him for the specified blanks, at the price offered and in the advanced condition provided, ready for coinage, and for an undetermined quantity not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand (350,000) pounds, to be delivered within one year from date of contract, subject to requisition in quantities of not less than fifty thousand (50,000) pounds, from time to time, as may

be deemed expedient.

In a transaction of this magnitude Treasury rules require that Formal Contracts be executed. You are therefore authorized to submit for approval a contract in accordance with the above, with the adoption, as far as may be, of terms specifically drawn as I have here indicated.

Under the existing circumstances of an early change in the Administration, and the probability that this Contract will pass into the term of my successor in office, I feel it imperative to require all formalities in the transaction now proposed, and therefore send you a copy of "Form 42, Office of Supervising Architect, Treasury Department," such as is used throughout the Department.

A bond executed in the sum of ten thousand dollars will, in the case of a person so well known to the Government as Mr. Wharton, be considered satisfactory.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Under the terms of the contract made with Mr. Joseph Wharton on October 20, 1887, to furnish to the Mint at Philadelphia, at forty-two and one-tenth (42.1) cents per pound, three hundred thousand (300,000) pounds of five-cent Copper-nickel Blanks, subject to requisitions within one year from date of said contract, and on

which contract one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds have been called for and delivered, you were authorized on the 11th ultimo to call for an additional one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds.

The contractor having demurred to the delivery of so large an amount near the expiration of the term of his contract, on the grounds that since his contract was made the prices of copper and nickel had advanced greatly to his disadvantage, you were authorized on the 17th ultimo to make requisition upon him for fifty thousand (50,000) pounds, it being understood that the later and smaller requisition was to be in lieu of the one previously given for double that amount; and it also having been considered that under the circumstances it was hardly equitable to make requisition beyond the immediate requirements of the Mint.

By letter of October 29 Mr. Wharton, however, seemed disposed to consider that the lesser requisition not having been accompanied by the statement on your part that it was intended in lieu of the larger requisition, to the execution of which he had objected, was to be construed as not so intended, but that the aggregate amount of one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) pounds was to be understood as the aggregate amount for which two separate requisitions had been made. But having consulted his partners in the contract, the Revere Manufacturing Company, he withdrew his objections and offered to deliver fifty-thousand (50,000) pounds under said

contract-period to January 1, 1889, and, by an extension of the period of said contract, to deliver one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds during the year following, at such times as requisition might be made upon him for specific amounts of copper-nickel blanks, milled and cleaned. You are now authorized to conclude this arrangement with him accordingly.

In drawing up this arrangement with Mr. Wharton you are requested to recite the facts as above coordinated, as I consider that this simple matter has become unnecessarily involved by voluminous correspondence.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.

November 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have yours of the 3d. of November with enclosure of even date from Mr. Joseph Wharton.

It is desirable that the correspondence on this subject, as on all subjects, should be separate for each distinct matter of business, like contracts with the same contractor for two different kinds of blanks.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars ($105,000.-) by a transfer of that amount as follows, viz:
One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) in gold coin and Five Thousand Dollars ($5000.-) in Silver dollars, and that the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco be directed by telegraph to ship the above amount to the Superintendent of said institution.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Confirmed

Proposals of Sanders and Sonna approved.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

November 9, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Herewith I return proposals (and bonds) of James Beattie, Frank R. Coffin & Bro. and Charles Villeneuve "for furnishing the material and performing the labor in building a fence around the grounds" of the Assay Office at Boise City.

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You were advised by telegraph to-day of the approval of the proposals of William T. Sanders and Peter Sodena.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars ($105,000.-) and that the same be shipped you by the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco as follows, viz:
One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) in gold coin and Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.-) in Silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.

November 9, 1888.

Supt Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $4,400.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	1600.00
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	600.00

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution, during the Month of November, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $224.10, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1889, $224.10
Wages of Workmen,
Contingent Expenses,

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

$1800.00

Salaries, 1889, $700.00
Wages of Workmen, 1889, 800.00
Contingent Expenses, 1889, 300.00

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Telegram

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Montana.

Confirmed

New York balance increased fifty thousand, Helena ten thousand, dollars, to-day.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9455
Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 15000 Ounces, at $0.9455

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

J. & W. Seligman & Co. 42,000 Ounces, at $0.9450
Nesbaga Colgate & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9455
Zimmermann & Forshay 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9455
Handy & Harman 275,000 Ounces, at $0.9455
Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9455

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 3d. of November, you are instructed to return to the Mint at New Orleans

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the dies to which you refer.
The Superintendent of that Mint has been informed of the results of the examination as to the causes of the defects complained of.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find, returned for correction, the account Current, Abst. of disbursements and voucher #37 pertaining to your Refinery Expense Account for the month of August. It will be noticed that the footing of the first page of the Nason Mfg Co's bill is incorrect.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Confirmed

Leave of absence may be taken, during which no deposits can be received.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

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Telegram — Boston & Montana Smelting Company
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and fifty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram addressed to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51. Wall Street
New York.

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Telegram — Fourth National Bank
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and fifty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

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Telegram

Confirmed

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Nov. 10, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-nine 90/100 Dollars ($24,939.90/100), in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Thirteen 92/100 Dollars ($413.92/100), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-three 82/100 Dollars, ($25,353.82/100), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 7th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Nov. 10th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-); by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 10th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 7, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint, at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 14 dated Oct. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $25,418.$\frac{67}{100}$, charges $64.$\frac{85}{100}$, and net value $25,353.$\frac{82}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are authorized to ~~subscribe~~ Advertise the "Salt Lake Tribune" (indicating on the bill the full name of the paper) for the remainder of the calendar year 1888, ~~at a rate~~ the close of which you can regularly ~~subscribe~~ for it for the period ending June 30, 1889, forwarding the bill to this Bureau. Payment will then be made from the appropriation for collection of Statistics of production of the precious metals.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 10th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer

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of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 8th instant, you are authorized to cause to be coined during the current calendar year, for circulation, in addition to amounts already coined, ten thousand (10,000) pieces each of double-eagles, eagles, half-eagles, quarter-eagles, half-dollars, quarter-dollars and dimes, and five thousand (5,000) gold dollars.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 10th, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Confirmed.

Office need not be closed if you decide clerk is competent to receive deposits.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

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Nov. 12th, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 12, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 12, 1888.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your Refinery account for the month of July I notice a purchase of 6000 lbs. of copper through a commission merchant of San Francisco instead of from the dealer

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direct. The commission of $10.78 should have been saved to the Government by a direct purchase or the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco might have been requested to make the purchase for you.

In auditing the account I have approved the expenditure but hereafter you will please make purchases of this kind through the Mint at San Francisco, when it is impracticable to purchase directly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

Nov. 12, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 12th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant requesting to be supplied with 25 3-quire blank books, you are hereby authorized to purchase same in your city. The sample sent is returned to you by to-days mail.

Requisition has been made upon the Public Printer for the blank forms asked for in

same letter.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant you are informed that, although, as you are aware, the Department regulations require requisitions for printing and binding to be made several months in advance, the two Store Keeper's Books requested by you under date of October 27 will be sent you in the course of ten days.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 13, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $515.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$265.00
Wages of Workmen,	1889	250.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889	
		515.00

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

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Nov^r 13^th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9440

Very respectfully,
Jas. E. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9440
J. & W. Seligman & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9440
Handy & Harman, 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9440

November 13, 1888.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson,
Chief Justice U. S. Court of Claims.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Acknowledging yours of this date, I have the honor to refer you to communications under date of November 16 and 18, 1887, addressed by me to the Assistant Clerk of the Court of Claims in the matter of the claim of Delano vs. The United

States, and to enclose herewith printed copy of Department Circular of September 17, 1873, also on the subject of the intrinsic value of the English pound Sterling.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 13, 1888.

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and four tenth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 13, 1888.

Telegram

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

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Telegram

Confirmed.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 14, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($43,633\frac{00}{100}$,) in Gold Coin and Five Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($547.\frac{91}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-four Thousand One Hundred and Eighty $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars, ($44,180.\frac{91}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum dated November 7, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Nov. 14, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-,) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks at Denver, Colo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 14, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon.,

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir.

Referring to your request for "Statements of the Condition of the Bullion Fund" form 524. Treasurers, you are informed that 500 copies of this form were mailed you on the 10th of April last, and that the Treasurer declines to furnish more unless these have miscarried. They have probably been mislaid or overlooked but if they have failed to reach you advise this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 14th, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense accounts for the three months ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 7 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 18, dated Oct. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $44,289.$\frac{77}{100}$, charges $108.$\frac{86}{100}$, and net value $44,180.$\frac{91}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 14th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your letter of the 13th instant, you are hereby authorized to have the four books designated manufactured in your city. The usual reference to authority will be made in submitting vouchers in payment for same.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Nov. 14, 1888.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Confirmed.

Supervising Architect and myself will go to

Philadelphia to-morrow evening.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director Mint.

Nov. 14, 1888.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Forward statement of imports and exports for fiscal year.
See page 233 last report.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company receipted in duplicate for 20,000 lbs. of Copper shipped your mint and amounting to $3,560.- and which sum is payable from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, current fiscal year. To enable you to make payment, an advance of $3,560.- has been requested from the appropriation for Contingent expenses and placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York. Upon receipt of the copper you will please forward the Company a draft for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant enclosing your account for 20,000 lbs. of Ingot Copper shipped the U.S. Mint at San Francisco.

The account has been transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint with instructions to forward you a draft on New York on receipt of the copper.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1888.

Mr. Th. E. Benedict,
Public Printer.

Sir:

With reference to the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals and the fact that this is a Congressional and not a Department, report, may I ask whether you could not as Printer undertake to have it wrapped at the Government Printing Office, the expense to be reimbursed you from the appropriation under my control for the collection of these statistics?

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1888.

Telegram.

The Aldine Hotel,
Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please reserve quiet room for me to-morrow evening.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Nov. 15, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer-in-charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the three months ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 15, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, I. T. for the three months ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense accounts for the three months ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

November 15th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 1st ultimo requesting authority to charge the present Melter and Refiner, D. K. Tuttle, with 4,581.30 ounces of bronze one-cent blanks on account of errors in weighing in the settlement of the accounts of J. C. Booth, Melter and Refiner, deceased, you are hereby authorized to make the entry suggested, with the following explanatory foot note:

1/ adjustment of over credit allowed J. C. Booth, Melter and Refiner, deceased, March 21,

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1888, of this amount of bronze one-cent blanks claimed to have been delivered to the Coiner in settlement of his accounts March 2-28, 1888, viz:

Claimed by Melter and Refiner Booth . . .	85,008.30 ounces.
Shown by account of Coiner Steel . . .	80,427.00
Personal error in weighing	4581.30

now assumed by D. K. Tuttle, Melter and Refiner, to relieve D. M. Fox, Superintendent, of a technical debit.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
Hugh S. Thompson
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

November 16, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, ($5000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, Charlotte N. C.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States

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in the name of Gabriel Mondegut, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($275,000.00) on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 16, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 16, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. for the three months ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 16, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Nov. 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expence Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Nov. 16th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte N. C.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & S. S. Dollar accounts for the three months ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Nov. 16th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9435

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $275,000.- to be deposited in

the Treasury of the U.S. in your name on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1,600.00, to meet the expenses of the Refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Nov. 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending October 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense accounts for the Three mo's ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Nov. 16, 1888.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-four and thirty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

Nov. 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 70,000 Ounces, at $0.9435

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the Adams Express Company receipted in duplicate for the transportation of five million silver dollars from New Orleans to Washington, amounting to $11,500.00.

You will please forward a draft in favor of the Adams Express Company on the Assistant Treasurer at New York under cover to this Bureau for delivery.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

After the completion of the immediate shipment of silver dollars, for which purpose a loan of laborers was made by you at the request of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, it should be understood that no further requisition for laborers for the assistance of any public office in Philadelphia should be complied with until written authority has been received from this Bureau.

You are now requested to state the number of persons at present employed and the number of days they have been employed at the instance of the Assistant-Treasurer.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the U. S. Electric Lighting Co. of Pennsylvania for materials furnished your Mint on the 11th of June, amounting to $4.65 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Since writing to you on the 8th of November on the subject of the Wharton contracts for Nickel Five-cent Blanks and for Bronze One-cent Blanks I have conferred with the First Comptroller as to the matter of bond and the question of the requirement of sureties in the case of a person so well-known to the Government as this contractor. It is his opinion that one surety or more should be required, or, in lieu thereof, a certified check payable to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be retained in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia along with the contract.

Under the Comptroller's decision, it will be imperative to require in the case of both contracts the observance of all formalities as drawn

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up in." Bond for accepted proposal "as per blank form 42, Office of Supervising Architect, Treasury Department - - - such as was enclosed to you November 8. Two more copies are herewith enclosed, together with copies of contracts not yet executed.

These bonds will not be fully executed until they have been submitted to the Solicitor of the Treasury, as usual in such cases.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 17th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Argus Company Albany New York for sub. from January 1, 1887 to June 30, 1888 amounting to $15.00 payable from the appropriations for Contingent Expenses of your Mint as follows: 1887 - $5.00 1888 - $10.00

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 16th of November in reference to the loan of two thousand Coin Bdgs to the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, I learn that five or six hundred

bags have been supplied since the request was made of you. It is probable, therefore, that a number less than two thousand will be required. As these bags are necessary for completing the present transfer of standard dollars, you are authorized to make the loan of a number of bags not to exceed two thousand, taking a receipt for the same from the Assistant Treasurer with the written understanding that they shall be returned.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1888.

Messrs. Jaws & Hartman,
Front Street,
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

With the concurrence of the Supervising Architect, I should be pleased if you would visit the Mint at Philadelphia and inform me if you can undertake to furnish plans and specifications for a stack to accomodate flues of boilers, melting furnaces, annealing furnaces and, possibly, assay furnaces, as well as refinery flue, in place of the present brick stack

It is the suggestion of the Supervising Architect that this be built of iron, like that of an iron-blast furnace, and my own suggestion that this be located outside of the walls of the mint building, against or as near as practicable to the lofty building of the Girard Trust, adjoining.

If this is within your province, as I suppose, you would be called upon to decide the ques-

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-tion of the practicability of combining all flues in such a stack.

In visiting the mint it would be well to confer with the operative officers as well as with the superintendent.

When in Philadelphia yesterday in company with the Supervising Architect, we were sorry not to be able to meet Mr. Hartman in person.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 19, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz: $50,000.- with Assistant Treasurer New York and $10,000 - with First National Bank, Helena, Mont.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 19, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery U.S. Dol. Coinage

& storage accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 19, 1888.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.T.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.-) and that $50,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $10,000 with First National Bank, Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 19, 1888.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you on the 6th ultimo, amounting to $24.61 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1889.

Duplicate bill herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury Department, for

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & S. S. Dell. Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending October 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 19, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Stationery shipped by you on the 3rd ultimo, amounting to $12.57 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office, fiscal year 1889.

Duplicate bill herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram — Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Ten tons copper shipped you by rail from Baltimore on the twelfth instant.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

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David Enright, Esq.
Topographer
Post Office Department.

Sir:

Please furnish this Bureau with the shortest distance by railroad from New Orleans, La. to the following places, viz:

Paragould, Ark.
Atkins, Ark.
Leary, Ga.
Bessemer, Ala.
Fort Deposit, Ala.
Shelby, Ala.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 20, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered Done for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 20th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Mint receipt No. 208, deposit of silver bullion, belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is herewith returned that

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the name of the depositor may be inserted.

Respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.946

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 20th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I desire to inquire to what extent, if any, and for how long a period, coins in the hands of the Coiner at the close of a calendar year have been delivered as a part of the coinage of the succeeding calendar year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Answer by return mail.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 20, 1888.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Confirmed

All proposals for mint improvements should be addressed to Supervising Architect. Inform Harrell and Company. Cannot use their proposal of June ninth.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Nov. 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of value of gold bullion received per shipment No. 19 from U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, is returned herewith for correction.

The net value of the deposit should be $674.98 instead of $674.78, as shown by the memorandum referred to.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Record" amounting to $17.— for advertising for proposals for one cent blanks required by your Mint, which sum is payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & S. S. Dollar accounts for the month ending October 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 20th, 1888.

John M. Hartman, Esq.,
1235 North Front St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday and reply that I will not ask you to come to Washington but will notify you when I go again to Philadelphia.

It was considered by the architect and myself that it would relieve the architecture of the Mint if so incompatible an object as a stack 180 feet high were placed against the Girard Building, this being a mere matter of taste. I think, however, that it would be protected from the winds by the Girard Building, and would like you to consider carefully placing it on the opposite side of the court from the Mint.

I suppose the difficulty would be to find excavation room enough so as to leave a carriage-way in the court if the stack is placed away from the walls of the Mint.

This matter really belongs to the Supervising Architect to whom your letter will be referred.

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and who will probably conclude some business arrangements with you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same as ninety-four and six tenth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street,
New York.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars ($14,274.\frac{84}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars ($267\frac{29}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-two $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars ($14,542.\frac{13}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum No. — dated Nov. 19, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-four 74/100 Dollars, ($49,494.74/100,) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Eighty-one 21/100 Dollars ($481.21/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five 95/100 Dollars, ($49,975.95/100,) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 14, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 21, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury:

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-four 86/100 Dollars, ($10,124.86/100,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Four 36/100 Dollars ($204.36/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-nine 22/100 Dollars, ($10,329.22/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 15th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited

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at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 21, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note recommendation on Abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 21, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 21, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 19, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 15 dated Nov. 10, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $14,581.45/100, charges $39.32/100, and net value $14,542.13/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department, for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Reimbursery accounts for the month of October, 1888, with my approval except voucher #8, Petty Ordinary, bill of Eugene B. Rail which contains one erroneous calculation. The first item "15 lb. rubber tubing @ 15¢ per foot" amounts to $2.25 not $3.25 as entered on the abstract. The excess of $1.00 will be disallowed.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 14, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 14 dated Nov. 10, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $50,102.$\frac{62}{100}$, charges $126.$\frac{67}{100}$, and net value $49,975.$\frac{95}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & S. S. Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending October 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 55,000 Ounces, at $0.9460

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

To the
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

November 21st, 1888.

In order that registration of Coinage of the Mints of the United States shall be in exact agreement with the calendar year of date, all coin in the custody of the coiner shall be delivered to the Superintendent on or before December 31, - ending the calendar year of date.

No coin bearing date of a preceding year shall remain in the custody of the coiner.

Coin delivered to the Superintendent of a mint within the calendar year shall be registered as the coinage of the same year.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Two (2) similar communications addressed:
The Supt. of the Mint
at Philadelphia

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To the Superintendent of
the Mint at San Francisco.

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Telegram

Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Coin trade dollar bullion on hand into equal parts of dimes and quarter dollars.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

November 21, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Silver deposits of the following numbers have been entered as deposits of gold bullion on your Register of Deposits for the quarter ended September 30, 1888.

	Fineness		Standard weight (oz. vale.)	
Receipt Nos.	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
136	.0785	.328	17.937	74.75
185	.1585	.471	11.949	35.37

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 21, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Nov. 15 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States

Mint at Philadelphia. Shipment No. 75, dated Nov. 13, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $10,353.$\frac{48}{100}$, charges $24.$\frac{26}{100}$, and net value $10,329.$\frac{22}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 21, 1888.

Henry Troemner Esq.,
#710 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your account in duplicate for Adjusting Balances shipped the New Orleans Mint with the request that you will receipt and return the same to this office as it will facilitate the payment thereof.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Six Hundred and Sixty-eight $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars ($668.$\frac{74}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Six $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars ($6.$\frac{74}{100}$) in Silver Coin,

making a total of Six Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars, ($674\frac{78}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office, at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-eight $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars, ($28,548\frac{44}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Ten $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars ($310.\frac{23}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, ($28,858\frac{67}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 16th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note recommendation on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 22, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 22, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expence ac-

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-counts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month of October 1888, with my approval, except voucher 24, petty abstract, bill for telegrams, the first and third items of which are erroneously charged.

The correct charges are 36 and 61c, respectively, instead of 38 and 63c as entered. The difference of 4c will be disallowed.

Respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Nov. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States

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Nov. 22, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Note recommendation on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 22, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 22, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expense ac-

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-counts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Nov. 22, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month of October 1888, with my approval, except Voucher 24, petty abstract, bill for telegrams, the first and third items of which are erroneously charged.

The correct charges are 36 and 61¢, respectively, instead of 38 and 63¢ as entered. The difference of 4¢ will be disallowed.

Respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Nov. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States

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Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 19 dated Nov. 9, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $676.47/100, charges $1.69/100, and net value $674.78/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 16, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 20 dated Nov. 10th, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $28,928.91/100, charges $70.24/100, and net value $28,858.67/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for exam-

-ination and settlement, your Ordinary Ex-
-pense account for the month ending October
31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I would state that the correct distance from New Orleans to certain named places, certified to by the Post Office Department is as follows, viz:

Paragould, Ark.	481 Miles.	Fort Deposit, Ala.	288 Miles
Bessemer, Ala.	339 "	Leary, Ga.	507 "
Atkins, Ark.	516 "	Shelby, Ala.	385 "

The distance to Goldthwaite, Texas should be 619 miles instead of 916 as stated in letter of August 28, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending October 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

November 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please cause two (2) gold and fourteen (14) Silver life saving medals to be struck as early as practicable and forwarded to this Bureau, together with your account for same which you will receipt in duplicate on enclosed form.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 23, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at St. Louis & Charlotte for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City I. T.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of October 1888, an explanation is desired as to the necessity for the expenditure covered by voucher #28, bill for carpets, and why the approval of this Bureau was not obtained before the expenditure

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was made as required by Sec. 5, Art. 12 of the Instructions and Regulations of the Mint Service for 1888.

You will also please explain the item of $12.00 "for labor setting up stoves", in the bill of Peter Donna for stoves &c. Voucher No. 29.

It would seem that so extensive a purchase as this voucher covers should include the delivery and putting in place of the articles without extra charge for time or labor. A similar purchase here would certainly embrace these as incidental to the transaction.

Please give this your early attention as the account is suspended pending your reply.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 23, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Nov. 23, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
37 Wall Street
New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Kennaig & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Zimmermann and Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

November 24, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send herewith, approved, the two contracts with Joseph Wharton. After copies are taken, which

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should be done at your institution, the originals will be returned to this Bureau for file in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 24, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Confirmed.

Fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit at New York and ten thousand at Helena on twenty-first.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 24, 1888.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant you are informed that it is against the rules and practice of the Treasury Department to furnish gold dollars to exchange brokers.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1888.

Mr. H. J. Brian,
Foreman of Printing, Gov't Printing Office.

Dear Sir:

I return the proof of the Production Re-

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-port without serious alterations, yet with so many minor errors, many of which were perpetuated from the second revise that I must ask the favor of another proof, which I will not detain.

As the Coinage Tables will be used in my fiscal report, I suggest that the stereotype plates be kept for that, and afterwards sent to this Bureau, or else stored by your own, for use in future reports.

I will also indicate some other tables which might be preserved in the same manner.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Reserve

Tables on pp. 22, 24, 46, two on 47, 268 and 269, 272 and 273, 294 to 317 inclusive, 318, 322 (subject to slight addition).

November 24, 1888.

Telegram

D. K. Tuttle,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

Report nearly ready for press. When will you send matter proposed?

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.
S.

Nov. 24, 1888.

Telegram

D. K. Tuttle,
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Confirmed.

Yes.

Jas. P. Kimball

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Nov. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-seven $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars ($5,537.$\frac{53}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Forty-one $\frac{19}{100}$ Dollars ($41.$\frac{19}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Five Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars ($5578.$\frac{74}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-one $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars, ($4,651.$\frac{45}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($117.$\frac{82}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars, ($4,769.$\frac{27}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by memorandum dated Nov. 22, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Nov. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars, ($7,315-$\frac{35}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Seventeen $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($17-$\frac{62}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty two $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars, ($7,332-$\frac{97}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 22nd 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 21, dated Nov. 14, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $5,592.$\frac{76}{100}$, charges $14.$\frac{02}{100}$, and net value $5,578.$\frac{74}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 22, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 22, dated Nov. 15, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $4780.$\frac{39}{100}$, charges $11.$\frac{12}{100}$, and net value $4,769.$\frac{27}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Nov. 22 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 23 dated Nov. 16, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $7,348.87/100, charges $15.95/100, and net value $7,332.92/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

It would seem that in order to avoid compliance with a letter from this Bureau of the 24th ultimo in an indirect manner, you have resorted to a course of making daily shipments to the Mint at Philadelphia.

As for instance on the 14th, 15th and 16th instant you made shipments amounting in the aggregate to $17,680.98, which could readily have been embraced in one shipment. This practice on your part necessitates the writing of three different letters by this Bureau to the Secretary of the Treasury, and requires the drawing of two less than three separate orders for the transfer of the amount from your bullion fund to

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that of the Philadelphia Mint. There is no reason apparent why these shipments should not have been made in one.

You will hereafter make one shipment a week and embrace the same in one invoice.

These instructions are imperative:

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses, current fiscal year, the account of Henry Troemner receipted in duplicate for eight (8) adjusting Balances shipped your mint, amounting to $332.-.

Upon receipt of the balances you will please forward Mr. Troemner a draft for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of current date stating that owing to the illness of the Assayer of this Bureau, it will be necessary to impose upon your office for the time being, the assays of the special Assay coins sent to this Bureau monthly, I have to advise you of the trans-

-mission by express to-day of the following coins received from the mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco during the months of September and October:

For September, from Philadelphia

Twenty Four (24) Standard Silver dollars	=	$24.00
Twenty (20) Dimes	=	2.00
Total		26

From San Francisco

Fourteen (14) Double Eagles	=	$280.00
Six (6) Eagles	=	60.00
Eight (8) Standard Silver Dollars	=	8.00
Forty (40) Dimes	=	4.00
Total		352.00

From New Orleans.

Twenty-Four (24) Standard Silver Dollars	=	$24.00

For October, from Philadelphia.

Two (2) Double Eagles	=	$40.00
Twenty Eight (28) Standard Silver Dollars	=	28.00
One Hundred and Ten (110) Dimes	=	11.00
Total		79.00

From San Francisco

Eighteen (18) Double Eagles	=	$360.00
Ten (10) Eagles	=	100.00
Sixty (60) Dimes	=	6.00
Total		466.00

From New Orleans

Twenty Four (24) Standard Silver Dollars		$24.00
Total amount	=	$971.00

You will observe that the envelopes containing these coins for the month of September is (are) unbroken and the count of the

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same must be verified by you and for October the original seals of the package containing the same as received at this Bureau, re-
-main uncut.

You will please cause the amount to be verified and acknowledge the receipt of the coins to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours
Jas. E. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1888

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Owing to the illness of the Assayer of this Bureau I feel it imperative to call upon your Office to make the monthly assays of coin until further arrangements, and instructions will be sent to the Mints accordingly to transmit to you directly their monthly reservation of coin. On receipt of each remittance you will please make acknowledgment, also direct.

The procedure should be to assay a certain number of coins, not less than twenty pieces a month, and then to make a mass-melt, follow-ed by assay of the remainder. If any loss is found incidental to this procedure you will be able to include it in one of the legal wastages of your operations. As a matter of fact it is insignificant.

Reports should be made to this Bureau on blanks sent you, and which you can adapt to your requirements.

For the nominal value of coin received you will make quarterly settlement with each Mint,

by draft drawn the same as for other deposits.
The above procedure has been indicated as a provisional one, but perhaps your own experience in previous work of the same kind will lead you to suggest modifications.
I shall be in New York in a few days and will then talk the matter over with you further.
It is purposed to entrust this matter to your own discretion, leaving to you the details for accomplishing the end which you fully understand.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:
Herewith are returned for correction your Tabulated Statement of Expenditures for the six months ended December 31, 1887, six months ended June 30, 1888, and fiscal year 1888.
You will observe that the expenditures are not itemized as the printed form requires. For instance, the expenses for "Telegraphing," "Freight and Drayage," "Washing", "Sewing", etc., have been omitted.
You will please transmit corrected statements (with those cancelled) by return mail, as they are needed in connection with the preparation of my annual report.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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November 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Certificate of gold deposit No. 485 belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is herewith returned that the amount may be written on the face of it.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1888.

H. Troemner, Esq.
#710 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account receipted in duplicate for eight (8) adjusting balances shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans on the 10th instant has been received and forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint with instructions to forward you a draft for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 27, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money

said that the same be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco has been instructed by wire to pay drafts drawn on First National Bank, Denver, on monthly requisition.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

November 27, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

Referring to your request for further increase of Bullion Fund at New York, I have to say that my information with regard to your assay office does not suggest the necessity for so large an account at New York beyond $50,000. In your letter of the 21st instant you should have indicated the necessity for increase to near $100,000. In lack of explanation your requisition is liable to be suspended until an amount seemingly large is reduced.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Found of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 27, 1888.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Confirmed

Am awaiting reply to letter of Seventeenth relative to loan of laborers.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 27, 1888.

Telegram — Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Forward to-day statement showing for fiscal year percentages of coin produced from ingots, gold and silver separately; also percentage of condemned blanks to good coin for gold coin and silver dollars... pages one forty and one forty two, last report.

Jas. E. Kimball
Director Mint.

Nov. 27, 1888.

Telegram — Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

Jas. E. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street New York.

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Mr. Horace J. Brown,
Columbus, Kansas.

Sir:

This Bureau has received the box said to contain 24 1-2 ounces of "old silver" referred to in your letter of November 21, and has forwarded same, with unbroken seals, to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to whom it should have been originally sent, and who will remit you bullion value.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Owing to the illness of the Assayer of this Bureau, and until further notice, you will please forward to the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York the coins reserved each month at the Mint at New Orleans for "special assay."

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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+ + at the Mint at Philadelphia + +
+ + + + + + + + + +

November 28th, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Send $2-day without fail statements requested by telegrams and letter of twenty-sixth and seventh.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 28, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Confirmed

Until further notice, send "special assay coins" to New York Assay Office.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

November 28, 1888.

Mr. J. W. Bock,
Cashier Charleston Savings Institution,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

Your letter of November 26 and enclosure of twenty dollars for return of value of remittance in one-cent pieces have been received and referred to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to whom all orders for minor coins should be sent direct.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

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Nov. 30, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen 05/100 Dollars, ($14,417.05/100,) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Seventy-eight 77/100 Dollars ($578.77/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-five 85/100 Dollars, ($14,995.85/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 24th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 30, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen 74/100 Dollars ($40,914.74/100,) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Forty three 20/100 Dollars ($543.20/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-seven 94/100 Dollars ($41,457.94/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 26, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully, Jas P. Kimball Director.

Nov. 30, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000:-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 30, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit-Memorandum dated Nov. 24, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 16, dated Nov. 17, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $15038 53/100, charges $42 18/100, and net value $14,995 85/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Nov. 30, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit memorandum dated Nov. 26, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 15 dated Nov. 21st, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $41,570.77/100, charges $112.83/100, and net value $41,457.94/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

November 30, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 28th instant, acknowledging receipt by registered mail of box said to contain 24½ ounces of old silver forwarded to this Bureau by Horace J. Farrow of Columbus, Kansas, and your statement that this box "was immediately delivered to the Adams Express Company, as no one connected with the Mint is allowed to make deposits for third persons," you are informed that the proper procedure in such cases is provided in Article 1, Sections 16 et seq. of the Regulations.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 30th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause the following coinage dies for the calendar year 1889 to be manufactured and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans, viz: Sixty pairs of standard silver dollar dies and four pairs of eagle dies.

A portion, at least, of the standard silver dollar dies should be forwarded in time to reach New Orleans on or before 1st January 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 30, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Nov. 30, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

Dec. 1st, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your statements of Deposits & Purchases, Domestic Production and Bars manufactured during August 1888, are returned herewith for correction.

The amount of production of Silver is 83.04 fine ozs. instead of 583.34 fine ozs.

Please make the necessary corrections and return the statements promptly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1888

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Confirmed

Telegraph your November gold coinage.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Dec. 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $150.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Casting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Decr. 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith the bids for sweeps enclosed in your letter of the 27th ultimo. Your acceptance of the bid of Messrs. Ed Balbach & Son is approved.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to Abstract B of your Medal Fund Account for the quarter ended September 30, an explanation is requested of the omission on the "Coiner's Report of Gold Proof Coin" of 26 three-dollar and 189 dollars gold pieces "Received from Coiner" during the quarter.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 3rd, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.—) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$50,000.— with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York
and $10,000.— with First National Bank at Helena, Mont.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 3rd, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $52,278.84 payable in 63,346.435 ounces of standard Silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In response to the resolution of the Senate of May 1, 1888, I have the honor to forward "a statement of the amount of Silver bullion offered to the Government each month since the passage of the act of February 28, 1878, under the provisions of said act, and by whom, and at what prices; and also the amount of silver bullion purchased each month during said period, and from whom and the prices paid therefor."

This statement is collated from the records of the Bureau of the Mint which only during the last few years have been kept in the same terms as expressed in the resolution of the Senate.

For the period embraced by the statement anterior to 1885, the collation is as close to the requirements of the resolution as can at this time be drawn from the files

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of the Bureau.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 3rd, 1888.

U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending Nov. 30, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 3, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars, ($60,000.-) and that $50,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and balance of $10,000.- with First National Bank, Helena.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 3rd, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find sample leaf of new

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books requested in your letter of the 27th ultimo. The description of the book is not sufficiently definite and the term "end fold" is not understood. In addition to a full description of the book it is important that the size of the sample should show the binding margin as well as the size, ruling and lettering of the form. In the description of these books the lettering on back, and whether the printing and ruling are to be in red ink, has been omitted. Could the books not be enlarged so as to require a less number?

The Department will in no case furnish full Russia binding.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of your mint of the sum of $52,917.84 payable in 63,346.43 ounces of standard silver bullion.

When received you will take up and treat this bullion as a purchase for the standard silver dollar coinage.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of value of bullion shipped your mint by the assay office at Helena invoice No. 27 dated Nov. 17th is returned herewith for correction.

The net value of the deposit is one cent more than the calculations show it to be.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Confirmed.

Coin this month, in addition to previous orders, ten thousand double eagles and ten thousand eagles.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

December 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 27th ultimo authority to purchase one dozen office chairs, for the use of your mint, is hereby granted you at a cost not exceeding the amount indicated.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $52,917.84 payable in 63,346.43 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 3rd, 1888.

Messrs. Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of November 26th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau, I have to say that the reluctance of the subtreasuries and banks to handle so minute a coin as the one-dollar gold piece leaves the distribution of the small coinage of this piece mainly to the Mint at Philadelphia. It has for many years been considered necessary to restrict the distribution to a use strictly as money, the principal demand for this coin being for manufacturing purposes resulting in mutilation.

While requisitions for this coin from subtreasuries and banks are filled as far as the small coinage admits, issue to individuals and firms is limited to sums generally less than five dollars, by way of adjusting odd amounts in regular course of business

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over the counter at the mint.

After all practicable precautions on the part of the cashier to guard in the act of first issue from the mint against the circulation of this piece for mutilation, it has transpired that nearly the whole issue of a given year eventually passed into the hands of a few exchange brokers, by whom the coins were held at a premium and sold for purposes of manufacture.

It is considered to be the duty of mint officials, in fixing the amount of coinage of a piece not freely circulating, to prevent an enhancement of the circulating value above the nominal value, as in the case of an unduly small coinage.

If a large part of the coinage of the one-dollar gold piece is sufficient to be absorbed for manufacturing purposes the circulating residue would advance to an inordinate value for numismatical purposes.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 3, 1888.

David Enright, Esq.,
Topographer,
Post Office Department

Sir:

Please inform this Bureau of the shortest distance by railroad from New Orleans, La., to certain places, viz:

Egypt, Miss., Mansfield, Ark.
Blackshear, Ga., Hornbard City, Texas.

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Nashville Ala. and Meander Ala.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 4, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Billion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 4th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Nesslage Colgate & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9415
J. & W. Seligman & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9415
Fourth National Bank 40,000 Ounces, at $0.9415
Handy & Harman 225,000 Ounces, at $0.9415

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9415

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending Nov. 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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December 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to yours of yesterday you are requested to return the supply of Form 231a, which was evidently not intended for the mint at Philadelphia and must have been sent by mistake.

If you need a reprint of Form 231, please transmit copy and state how many blanks of this number are in stock.

You will observe that the printing office still has nearly a month (until "Jan. 1, 1889") to fill your requisition for "Cashier's Gold and Silver Coinage and Bar Accounts Blotter."

In regard to the "Schedules for Shipments of Silver, ordered months ago," you are requested to transmit copy of your letter of requisition and of the form to be printed, for the information of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 4th, 1888.

Telegram

William B. Dana & Co.
102 William St.
New York.

Report not printed. Full abstract mailed you to-day.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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William B. Dana & Co.
102 William Street
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of the 3rd instant requesting two copies of my fiscal report for 1888, I telegraphed you today that the report was not yet printed but that an abstract of it would be mailed you to-day.

The report will probably not be ready for distribution for some weeks, possibly longer, so I have had a very full abstract made for your use, which I enclose herewith.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 4th, 1888.

Telegram

Engineering & Mining Journal,
27 Park Place,
New York.

Abstract of my fiscal report mailed you to-day.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 4th 1888.

Engineering and Mining Journal,
27 Park Place,
New York City

Sir:

As my fiscal report will probably not be in print for some weeks, I send you a very full abstract of the report for such use as you may deem proper.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 4, 1888.

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed Your offer declined. Will accept same at sixty-four and fifteen hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Dec. 4th, 1888.

Telegram American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Confirmed Your offer declined. Will accept same at sixty four and fifteen hundredth cents, per ounce fine.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
1 Wall Street - New York.

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Telegram

Messrs Zabriskie & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 4, 1888.

Telegram

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your Offer of twenty-five thousand ounces additional accepted.
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

December 5th, 1888.

Hon. Chas. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars [$500,000] on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 5, 1888

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve 37/100 Dollars, ($26,912.37/100,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Ninety-one 06/100 Dollars ($191.06/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-seven Thousand One Hundred and Three 43/100 Dollars ($27,103.43/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 27, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars, ($13,277.$\frac{46}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars (129\frac{16}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Six $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars, ($13,406.$\frac{62}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont as shown by Memorandum dated Nov. 28th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 5th, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 5, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty-Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 5th, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Statement of bullion shipment No. 11 to Mint at Philadelphia is returned herewith for correction.

The value of the bullion is stated as $11,641.96 instead of $11,642.06.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 5th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Cols.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending November 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

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Dec. 5, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 27, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 24 dated Nov. 17, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $27,167.$\frac{83}{100}$, Charges $64.$\frac{40}{100}$, and net value $27,103.$\frac{43}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been made from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 5, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Nov. 28, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated Nov. 21, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $13,439.$\frac{74}{100}$, Charges $33.$\frac{12}{100}$, and net value $13,406.$\frac{62}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 5th, 1888.

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Before you ~~Entered~~ statistical account for disbursements in connection with the collection of mining statistics. - - -

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December 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the bills of the Southern Express Company for shipments of silver dollars, accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1888, your attention is directed to the following overpayments:

Bill No. 13, shipment of June 11 of $500 to Augusta, Arkansas, expressed to Little Rock, the distance is given as 529 miles and the payment $1.06: the distance should be 451 miles and the payment 90 cents; making an over-payment of 16 cents.

In the same bill, under date of June 16, a shipment of $3,000 to Tallahasse, Florida, the distance given is 745 miles and the express charges $8.94. The distance should be 451 miles and the express charges $5.41: an over-payment of $3.53.

In voucher No. 17, under date of July 5th, the shipment of $1,000 to Hot Springs, Arkansas, expressed to Little Rock, the distance is given as 529 miles and the express charges $2.12. The distance should be 451 miles and the express charges $1.80: making an over-payment of 32 cents.

The total over-payments amount to $4.01, which amount you will take up in your accounts for the current quarter.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of Nov. 28th you are informed that the correct distance from New Orleans, La. to places named herein are as follows, viz:

Egypt, Miss.	314 Miles.	Mansfield, Ark.	650 Miles
Blackshear, Ga.	579 "	Hubbard City, Tex.	536 "
Daleville, Ala.	417 "	Alexander, Ala.	429 "

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 140,000 Ounces, at $0.9415

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

See next page for
Similar letter, except as noted, addressed to:

(See preceding page)

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Zimmermann & Forshay, 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9415

December 5th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars [$500000.-] to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Dec. 5th 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

In briefing the papers pertaining to this account they have erroneously been endorsed "First Quarter 889" instead of Third quarter 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 5th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the months ending November 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 5th 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending November 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 5, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Counter offer for fifty thousand ounces of Zimmermann & Forshay the only one concluded on day for silver purchase. Other offers too late.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 5th, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

Counter offer for fifty thousand ounces the only one concluded on day for silver purchase. Other offers too late.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the Adams Express Company, receipted in duplicate, for the transportation of eight million [8,000,000] silver dollars from your mint to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, amounting to $18,400, which sum is payable from your silver profit fund.

You will forward your draft for this amount on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in favor of the Adams Express Company under cover to this office for delivery to their agent, on receipt hereof.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the

28th ultimo, I forward you to-day by Adams Express Company the cutting machine used in the laboratory of this Bureau for cutting coins for use in your institution as long as may be necessary.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Form 231, "Cashier's Daily Statement," which has been made "Special," and as requested in your letter of the 5th instant, 1,000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 6, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 23rd ultimo, you are instructed that the practicability of accurate classification of deposits as of gold or of silver bullion has been demonstrated on the Register of Deposits of the Assay Office at New York, where the bullion received is often very difficult to classify.

In order to correct erroneous entries on

the Register it is only necessary to cross out by a line what should be cancelled and re-enter the deposits in the proper places.

If need be, deposits can first be provisionally numbered with pen and one color of ink, and finally, consecutively with different ink or by a numbering Machine or stamp.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Nineteen 09/100 Dollars, ($11,619.09/100,) in Gold Coin, and Sixty-two 69/100 Dollars ($62.69/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-one 78/100 Dollars, ($11,681.78/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 3, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars, ($9,908.$\frac{66}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars ($425.$\frac{98}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,334.$\frac{64}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 1st, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 7, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Dec. 1, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 17, dated Nov. 24, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10,363.$\frac{99}{100}$, charges $29.$\frac{35}{100}$, and net value $10,334.$\frac{64}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 7, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 3, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 11, dated Nov. 30, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $11,704.94/100, Charges $23.16/100 and net value $11,681.78/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 7, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of December, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $231.70 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1889, $231.70

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, addressed to:

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City.

$6,100.00

over

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Salaries,	1889,	$3300
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	800
		$6100.—

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$494.80

Salaries,	1889	$294.80
Wages of Workmen,	1889	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889	
		$494.80

December 7, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December 1888, has been approved for the sum of $2000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 800
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	200

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

over

$10200.00

Salaries,	1889,	$2,700.00
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	5,000.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	2,500.00
		$10200.00

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$20,500.00

Salaries,	1889,	$3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	12,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	5,000
		$20,500.

Dec. 7th, 1888.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you in the Mo. of November, amounting to $9.42 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1889. Duplicate bill herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending November 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 7th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9310

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exceptions here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman, 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9310
Nesslage, Colgate & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9310
American Exchange National Bank, N.Y. 125,000 Ounces, at 0.9310

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $87,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet in part the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

December 7, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Confirmed

Report to-day by denominations, ounces and seignorage, trade dollar re-coinage authorized December eighth.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Telegram

December 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Confirmed

Telegram received. Mail statement of denominations, and seignorage on each

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck as soon as practicable one silver life-saving medal, and forward the same to this Bureau with your account receipted in duplicate for the same rendered on the enclosed form.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday in relation to the provisions of Department Circular No. 70, current series, I find that I was misinformed in regard to the numbering of quarters by fiscal instead of Calendar years. The error resulted from the previous quarter's accounts being endorsed "2nd quarter 1888", which was prior to the date when the new system was to take effect.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

With reference to yours of the 28th of November in regard to laborers supplied to the United States

Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, I wish to call your attention to the irregularity of such a proceeding. Not only are the mint expenditures increased in the instance reported by nearly a thousand dollars, but the inference is obvious that if you can spare from the Mint this number of workmen for nearly a month, this number of men at least is in excess of your actual requirements for the time being.

It is also obvious that this is a misuse of appropriations, however important the exigency on the part of the Assistant Treasurer. If it were intended by Congress that any use of the general appropriation for coinage of standard silver dollars were to be shared by the Assistant Treasurers, it would be so specified by law.

Hereafter, you are requested to refer to this Bureau any application for assistance before compliance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 7th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $8000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Messrs. J. W. Grace & Co.
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of the 20th ultimo, referred to this Bureau, I have to state that as the Act of Congress approved January 29, 1874 fails to provide for execution at Mints of the United States of coinage for private contractors with a foreign country, there seems to exist no authority for the coinage of two hundred thousand five-cent silver pieces for Panama, as proposed in the letter referred to.

The sample of coin enclosed in that communication is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 7th, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and one tenth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 7, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

Dec. 7, 1888.

Telegram

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your Offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 7, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your Offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and one tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Messlage Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street
New York.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-four 46/100 Dollars ($25,194.46/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Ninety 65/100 Dollars ($290 65/100) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-five Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-five 11/100 Dollars, ($25,485 11/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 4th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 8, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Confirmed.

Fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit at New York yesterday.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

~~Dec. 8, 1888~~

~~Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,~~
~~Denver, Colo.~~

~~Sir:~~

~~Deposit Memorandum, dated Dec. 4, 1888, of Gold Bullion~~

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Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 4, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 16 dated Nov. 30, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $25,551.67/100, charges $66 56/100, and net value $25,485.11/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced your the sum of $12000.00 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet, in part, the expenses of that coinage at your mint during the present month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of December, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $33500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	25,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	5,000

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at $ 0.9310
Zimmermann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces,	at $ 0.9310

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $ 1500.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 11th, 1888

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In order to enable me to estimate for your annual proclamation, as required by Section 3564 R. S., the values of the standard coins of the world, as well as to continue the collection of the monetary statistics of foreign countries I have the honor to suggest that the enclosed list of questions be transmitted to the Department of State with the request that copies be addressed to Representatives of the United States abroad for reply.

I beg to renew the request contained in communications addressed you on September 13, and December 29, 1887, that in order to prevent errors, the original replies in all cases be transmitted to this Bureau, to be returned to the Department of State, if so

desired, after examination and copy in this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 10, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty-two Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-five 34/100 Dollars, ($32,175-34/100,) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Sixty-two 29/100 Dollars ($362 29/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-seven 63/100 Dollars, ($32,537.63/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Mont., as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 6, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 10, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense ac-

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-counts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered Free for the purpose of ad-
-justment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 10th, 1888.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Telegraph in whole numbers standard ounces of gold and silver, separately, actually operated on by Melter and Refiner during fiscal year.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram addressed to:

Superintendent Assay Office,
New York City.

Dec. 10, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 6, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 26 dated Nov. 30 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $32,616.$\frac{41}{100}$, charges $78.$\frac{78}{100}$, and net value $32,537.$\frac{63}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested

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from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 10th, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegraph in whole numbers standard ounces of gold and Silver, separately, actually operated on by Melter and Refiner and Coiner during fiscal year.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 10th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you by express today a box containing one gold bar weighing 53.51 ounces, and one Silver bar weighing 94.33 ounces.

These bars represent the special assay coins forwarded from the Mints to this Bureau for the months of July and August last.

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Included in the coins was eight dollars [$8.00] in Subsidiary Silver, and you will therefore treat 6.43 ounces of the Silver as a purchase for the Subsidiary Silver coinage at a cost of $8.00. The balance you will take up as a purchase for the Silver dollar coinage at its coinage value.

There will be no deductions charged on this bullion, and close returns are desired.

I will thank you to forward a return for this bullion as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of November, your attention is called to the first voucher on the abstract of disbursements, No. 157, bill of W. L. Shoemaker & Co. for one barrel Bone Ash. This Bone Ash is charged at the rate of 12¢ per pound or double the contractor's rate.

I will thank you to explain the necessity for the purchase from the above firm at the advanced rate instead of from the contractor.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred for examination and settlement a bill of the Pratt & Whitney Co. amounting to $ 8350.00 for the manufacture of one 12 inch standard measuring machine for the use of your mint, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint fiscal year 1888.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 10, 1888.

The Evening Post,
P. O. Box 794,
New York City, N. Y.

Your bill of the 3rd instant for Subscription to the Evening Post, one year to December 7, 1889, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amount

-ing to $9.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 11th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith two [2] gold, and fourteen [14] silver life-saving medals struck in compliance with your letter of the 21st ultimo.

I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the same, amounting to $11.50, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted to him, under cover of this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 11, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. to the amount of Twenty-two

Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars, ($22,758.$\frac{25}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Eight Hundred and Forty-eight $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($848.$\frac{82}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Seven $\frac{07}{100}$ Dollars, ($23,607.$\frac{07}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 7th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 11, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of December, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $1765.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$265.00
Wages of Workmen	1889	
Contingent Expenses	1889	600.00
Repairs Building & Grounds	1889	900.00

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

over -

		$25.00 cr
Salaries,	1889,	$ 750.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1350.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	400.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 7, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 18, dated Nov. 30, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $23,670.59/100, charges $63.52/100, and net value $23607.07/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. E. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

By current mail one thousand copies of Forms 231 have been sent you for the use of the Cashier of the Mint.

In order to preserve continuity of Forms 231 in the same terms, please transmit copies of the "Cashier's Daily Statement" from December

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3 & date on blanks of the reprint, after careful comparison and signature.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 11th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury; for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 300,000 Ounces, at $.9315

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 11, 1888.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and fifteen hundredth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram — Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 11, 1888.

Telegram — Fourth National Bank
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit one [1] silver life-saving medal struck in compliance with your request of the 6th instant.

I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia,

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receipted in duplicate, for the same, amount-ing to $2.10, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted to him, under cover of this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 12th 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered done for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 12, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for the month ending October 31, 1888, rendered done for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 12, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City
I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1888 with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 12th 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1888. with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 12th, 1888,

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $6000.00, payable from the following appro-

-priations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$1,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1889	3,000.
Contingent Expences,	1889	500.
Casting & Refining bullion,		1,000

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 12th 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Increase your Silver dollar coinage to eleven hundred thousand dollars this month, working over-time if necessary.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 12th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I will thank you to explain the unusual price paid for wood purchased from Mr. P. Nowet, for the use of your refinery during the month of November.

The contract rate at your mint for ash wood 4 feet long, seasoned and split is only $3.25 per cord while this is charged at $9.00.

You should explain what there is peculiar about this wood to make it so much more valuable than that furnished by Mr. Nowet under his contract, and also whether the

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ordinary cord wood furnished your Mint, could not have been utilized by the Melter and Refiner in his refinery operations.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 12, 1888.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

In dispatch of eleventh, melters operations exceed reported deliveries; probably includes refinery operations. If so, state separately.
Awaiting answer.

Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

December 12th, 1888.

L. R. Dodge, Esq.
Statistician, Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of even date a statement is enclosed showing the average price of silver for the last three months of each calendar year, 1879-1887, on which the estimate of the value of foreign coins for proclamation on the first of the following January was based.

The price used in computing the values for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882 is not of record, but the figures given correspond to the average price of silver and the equivalent in United States money, for the last three months preceding each of these years.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Average Price of Silver for the Last Three months of each Calendar year.

	Pence.	U. S. Money.
1879	52.851	$ 1.15,85
1880	51.570	1.13,04
1881	51.757	1.13,450
1882	51.227	1.12,295
1883	50.824	1.11,413
1884	50.1554	1.09,9465
1885	47.35795	1.03,8141
1886	45.862	1.00,535
1887	44.0876	0.96,645

December 12, 1888.

Egbert T. Sees, Esq.
No. 46 Bond Street,
New York.

Sir:

Your bill of the 1st instant for subscription to the "Travelers' Official Railway Guide" for one year to December 1st 1889 purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to $5.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. R. Kimball
Director.

Decr. 12th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co! 100,000 Ounces, at $ 0.9315

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 13, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, T. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending November 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred for settlement your bill, amounting to $448.70, for the manufacture of 5 Double Eagle, 5 Eagle, 5 Half Eagle, 5 Standard Dollar and 10 pairs Dime dies, for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint:

Wages of Workmen, 1889 - $ 420.80
Contingent Expenses, 1889 - 27.90

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $448.70, for the manufacture of 5 Double Eagle, 5 Eagle, 5 Half Eagle, 5 Standard Dollar and 10 pairs Dime dies, for the use of your Mint, payable from the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint San Francisco 1889 $323.60
Contingent Expenses - - 1889 22.80
Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars 102.30

Duplicate of bill enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. G. L. Rives,
Asst. Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 12th inst, I have the honor to return the proof of the proposed circular with one slight change.

The letter from this Department to the Secretary of State requesting the issuance of the circular was mailed yesterday, and I presume has reached you by this time.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 13th, 1888.

George W. Moss, Esq.,
Agent, Adams Express Co.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a check drawn by the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in favor of the Adams Express Company for the sum of $18,400, the same being in payment for the transportation of eight million dollars [$8,000,000.] from the Mint at New Orleans to the Treasury of the United States at Washington.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four 92/100 Dollars ($9944.92/100) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Seventy-one 55/100 Dollars ($171.55/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen 47/100 Dollars ($10,116.47/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by Memorandum No. dated Dec. 8, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 14, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery and S.S. Dollar Coinage and storage accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Enclosed please find draft No. 4751 on Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. New Orleans for $42- the same being the value of the special assay coins reserved and forwarded

by you to this Bureau for the months of July and August 1888.

July	18	Silver Dollars	$ 18.–
August	24	Silver Dollars	$ 24.–
		Total	$ 42.–

You will promptly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed draft and inform this Bureau if the amount agrees with your books.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find draft No. 2324 on Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. Philadelphia, for $ 123.– the same being the value of the special assay coins reserved and forwarded by you to this Bureau for the months of July and August, 1888.

July	2	Double Eagles	$ 40.–
	10	Silver Dollars	10.–
	20	Dimes	2.–
		Total	$ 52.–

August			
	2	Double Eagles	$ 40.–
	28	Silver Dollars	28.–
	30	Dimes	3
		Total	$ 71.– = $ 123.–

You will promptly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed draft and informs this Bureau if the amount agrees with your books.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & S. S. Dollar Coinage and Storage accounts for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed please find draft No. 6021 on Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. San Francisco for $947.-, the same being the value of the special assay coins reserved and forwarded by you to this Bureau for the months of July and August 1888.

July:

12	Double Eagles	$240.-
8	Eagles	80.-
2	Silver Dollars	2.-
	Total	322.-

August:

24	Double Eagles	$480.-
14	Eagles	140.-
2	Silver Dollars	2.-
12	Quarter Dollars	3.-
	Total	$625.-

= $947.-

You will promptly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed draft and inform this Bureau if the amount agrees with your books.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 8, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 76 dated Dec. 6 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10,146.14/100, charges $29.67/100, and net value $10,116.47/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 14, 1888.

Hon. Geo. B. Williams,
Atty. Southern Pacific Co.
#1711, Rhode Island Ave.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement two bills of the Southern Pacific Company amounting respectively to $35.00 and $97.37, for transportation during the months of June and July 1888 of Due bearers from Ogden to San Francisco and return.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Telegram — Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and fifty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Telegram — Fourth National Bank
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

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Dec. 14, 1888.

Cashier, American Exchange Nat'l Bank
New York

Sir:

No further purchases of Silver will be made by the Treasury Department until Wednesday, January 2nd, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
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Similar letter to:

Cashier, Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Dec. 14, 1888.

Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

No further purchases of Silver will be made by the Treasury Department until Wednesday, January 2nd, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
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Similar letters sent to:

Messrs. Kountz & Kaemare,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company
Denver Colo.

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(see preceding page)

Messrs. Wesdage Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay.
11 Wall Street
New York.

Dec. 15th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9355
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 209,000 Ounces, at $0.9355

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 15th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant enclosing your check No. 6879 on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York for $18,400.- in favor of Adams Express Company in payment of their account for the transportation of $,000,000,

Silver dollars from your Mint to the U. S. Treasury, Washington D.C., has been received and the check delivered to G. W. Moss, Esq. agent of said company in this city, and whose receipt for the same is on file in this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Supplies Received by Storekeeper
Supplies Delivered by Storekeeper.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 15th, 1888.

Edwards Pierrepont Esq.
103 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 13th instant, I have the honor to state that the stock of gold bullion and gold coin in the United States is estimated by me to have been on July 1, 1888, $705,818,855, and on November 1, 1888, $711,705,050.

The product of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1887, has been placed at: gold, 1,596,375 fine ounces,

value $23,000,000; Silver 41,268,305 fine ounces, value $53,357,000.

The value of Silver is reckoned at its coining rate in Silver dollars. At the average price of Silver for the calendar year 1887, about 98 cents, the commercial value of the Silver product of the United States was about $40,450,000.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 17th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith, properly signed in duplicate medal fund vouchers for two [2] gold and fifteen [15] Silver life-saving medals forwarded by you to this Bureau on the 10th and 11th instant.

I also enclose herewith a draft drawn by George A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, in your favor for the sum of $117.20 in payment for these medals and the express charges on the same.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 17th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the Statement of percentages of condemned blanks to coins produced during the fiscal year, inclosed in your communication

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of the 28th ultimo, you give the percentage of condemned blanks & coin produced as: Gold 12; Silver dollars 21.

According to the monthly reports of the Coiner the percentage is: gold 22: Silver dollars 26.

I enclose herewith a memorandum drawn from the monthly reports of the Coiner received at this Bureau, and will thank you to let me know by return mail how you arrive at the percentages you give and which percentages are correct.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 18th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Gabriel Montegut, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($270,000.-) on account of Profits on the Coinage of Silver Dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 18, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar ac-

-counts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & S. S. Dollar accounts for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball,
Director.

Dec. 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury in your name the sum of $270,000.- on account of profits on coinage of silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 Daily statement of Coin Checks Paid

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 17th of December, I have to say that your quota of Silver dollars was re-duced for this month to your working limit to make room for gold coinage and the present exigency for minor coinage.

I do not consider that overtime on the minor coinage would be justifiable in view of this fact, and the still more important fact that the blanks have been prepared for you ready for press-work. The necessary press-work for a large issue of minor coin can not, in my opinion, require anything more than a full use of the smaller presses during the regular hours.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 6th last and the 17th instant, you are authorized to forward to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, Nevada, two [2] porcelain pots of German manufacture from the stock you have on hand.

These pots should be securely packed and delivered to the Quarter-master, U. S. Army, in your city for shipment.

You will render your account for the pots to this Bureau, fixing a fair commercial price for the same.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant enclosing statement showing the loss on old copper cents melted and sold as old material, you are informed that before an account can be stated by the accounting officers of the Department to re-imburse you for the loss incurred, it will be necessary that you obtain from George Magee a certificate of the purchase by him of 7,523 pounds of old copper at 15 cents per pound and that he has paid and holds your receipt for the sum of $1,128.45/100.

Would thank you to give this matter your early attention in order that the draft to reimburse

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you for the loss may be sent you before the close of the current quarter.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7234 for $100,000.00, being on account of minor coinage profits inclosed in your communication of the 17th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "Minor Coinage profits."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 18, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th of December, asking authority "to rent for the use of" your "office a small safe in the vaults of the Missouri Safe Deposit Company, for greater safety in keeping the bullion belonging to the office," I have to say that while I should have no objection to the renting of such a safe as a means of security during your present dispossession from the regular assay office, it does not seem to me that the expedient proposed should be resorted to for the

custody of bullion, especially as there arises a question whether it would be in conformity to the provisions of Sections 3516 and 3562 R. S.

Your proper course will be to ship more frequently, and to keep no considerable amount of bullion on hand. You are authorized to do this until the office be re-instated in its own quarters, where a suitable vault can be provided.

This view of the proposition is partially suggested by the danger of transmitting by messenger bullion to and from your temporary office.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

December 18, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, in reference to correcting incorrect entries on your Register of Deposits, you are further advised that in case of Silver bullion recorded as gold bullion you should cancel the erroneous entry, and, upon presentation, the receipt also, and issue a new receipt in accordance with the true character of the deposit.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 19th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco be directed by telegraph to ship the amount to the Superintendent of said Mint.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 19, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Statistical Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note letter of explanation in matter of vouchers for Hotel Expenses.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have, this day, requested the Secretary of the Treasury to increase your Bullion Fund by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000.—) and that the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco be instructed by telegraph to ship you the same in gold coin.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 19, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your statistical Expense account for the fiscal yr. ending June 30, 1888, with my approval based on your letter of explanation of the 12th inst.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 19, 1888

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2,000 Special Assay Certificates

(Form No. 39 1/2 C.)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 19th 1888.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegraph exact number of assays during fiscal year, gold and Silver separately.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 19th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch of yesterday, the Director wishes me to say that in the letter from your mint reviewing the business of the last fiscal year the number of assays made in the assay department is given as, gold, 15,000; silver, 44,000.

He wishes to put the exact figures in his report instead of round figures, and he will thank you, therefore, to telegraph to-morrow morning the exact figures to which the above round figures correspond.

Respectfully yours.
E. O. Leech,
For the Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Hereafter you will please have the coiner attest by his signature the correctness of the monthly Coinage Statement transmitted by you to this Bureau.

The Coinage Statement for December, and for the calendar year 1888, should be forwarded as soon after the first proximo as practicable.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 19th. 1888.

Telegram

Capt. Henry T. Brian,
Government Printing Office.

Galley thirty-eight I, second revised, did not accompany the page proof just received.

E. O. Leech.
For Director.

December 19, 1888.

Francias N. Holbrook, Esq.,
El Paso,
Texas.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Stamped Envelopes
500 Stamped Envelopes addressed.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 20th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson Nevada be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 20th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 20th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant enclosing bids received by you for coal and wood

has been received.

The acceptance by you of the bid of Davenport and McCabe for Trail Creek coal at $9.55 per ton and of the bid of Kirkendall and Halford for wood at $6.35 per cord, is approved.

The bids enclosed by you are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Confirmed

Send to-day statement top of page one ninety seven last Report including single proof pieces with sets.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

December 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2,000. Assayer's Reports on Gold Deposits.
(Form No. 89a.)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the report of the Assayer New York Assay Office upon assay of coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of September, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

December 20th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of August, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

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December 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

Gold Deposits sent to Refinery.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 20, 1888.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Confirmed.

Complete delivery prior to January, first.
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Dec. 21, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-two $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars, ($27,622 $\frac{03}{100}$,) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Sixty-$\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($360. $\frac{57}{100}$,) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{60}{100}$ Dollars, ($27,982 $\frac{60}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont.; as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 14th, 1888, of Gold Bullion

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deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 21, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty five 21/100 Dollars, ($20,865.21/100,) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Twelve 7/100 Dollars ($612.7/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-seven 92/100 Dollars ($21477.92/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 21, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine 25/100 Dollars,

($49,789.25/100,) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Eighty-nine 26/100 Dollars ($589.26/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-eight 57/100 Dollars, ($50,378.57/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 17 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 21st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have been advised that the settlement of the accounts of George C. Munson, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, and Spruille Braden, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, for expenditures incurred in the collection of the statistics of the production of the precious metals for the year 1887, has been delayed in the First Auditor's office by reason of objectionable items for railroad fares paid in violation of Department Circular No. 168, November 29, 1879, relating to travel over certain railroads aided by land grants or otherwise.

It would have been impracticable to obtain transportation orders in connection with this service, because of the impossibility of knowing in advance the points to which it might be necessary to travel in performance of the duty.

In view of this fact, therefore, I have the honor respectfully to request that the provisions of

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said circular be relaxed in these two cases, and that the accounting officers be authorized to audit and pass the accounts, if found correct in other respects.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 21, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 15, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 19 dated Dec. 8th, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $21,537.$\frac{43}{100}$, charges $59.$\frac{51}{100}$, and net value $21,477.$\frac{92}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the billion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 21, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. Ca.

Sir:

As a matter of international courtesy I have consented to the assay at your Office of a Specimen of gold ore at the instance of the Nicaraguan Government through its Minister at Washington. No charge will be made for this assay, and the

results will be reported to this Bureau.

The sample will be sent you by express directly by the Nicaraguan Minister, at his own expense.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 21, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 17, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 17, dated Dec. 13, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $50,510.$\frac{23}{100}$, charges $131.$\frac{72}{100}$, and net value $50,378.$\frac{51}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 21, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dec. 14, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 27 dated Dec. 8, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $28,053.$\frac{71}{100}$, charges $71.$\frac{31}{100}$, and net value $27,982.$\frac{60}{100}$.

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For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 6, 1888.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of August, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In transmitting the Assayer's report of test coins for November I desire to call your attention to the generally high returns of fineness, as well as weight. If, as must be presumed, this represents a fair average of your coinage, it is easy to see how the wastage account of the Operative officers is so much higher than at the other institutions. I think that the attention of the melter and refiner as well as coiner should be given to the matter of annealing, as this is believed to

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increase the fineness above the fineness of ingots through oxidation of copper.

It has come to be understood that the fineness of your coins is maintained on a wide average above standard, and that your operative losses are correspondingly unduly large.

This matter has been called to your attention before, but seems to have been corrected. I should have taken occasion to refer to the matter again before the present date, had it not been that I felt that the assays in this Bureau have not of late been conducted under the most favorable circumstances.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day approved a bill of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $588.32, for the manufacture of twenty pairs of Standard silver dollar dies and four pairs of Eagle dies for the use of your mint. Of the amount $511.60 is payable from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard silver dollars, the remainder $76.72 from appropriations of your Mint, 1889, as follows: Wages of workmen $72.64: contingent expenses $4.08.

Duplicate bill herewith.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the United States mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $588.32 for the manufacture of twenty pairs of standard silver dollar, and four pairs of eagle, dies for the United States mint at New Orleans. The amount will be covered by a transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint for the fiscal year 1889: Wages of workmen $563.84; Contingent expenses $24.48.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On the 14th instant there was sent you by draft on the Assistant Treasurer in your city, $123.00, the same being the amount of special assay coins forwarded by you to this Bureau for the months of July and August last. No acknowledgment has been received for the draft.

I will thank you to acknowledge the same.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 22. 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1, Cashier's Gold & Silver Coinage & Barbour

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

December 24th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the name of Israel Lawton Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars [$18000] on account of profits on the coinage of Subsidiary Silver, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the said sum, and that notice of this transfer be given the Superintendent of the Mint, at San Francisco by telegraph.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

December 24th, 1888.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Transfer of profits will be made to bullion fund. The coinage of this year must be de-

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-livered on or before December thirty-first.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Services of Mrs. Mary E. Pinder, a clerk of the $1000. class in this Bureau, being no longer re-quired, it is respectfully requested that she be either transferred or detailed to some other Bureau for duty from first proximo.

With your approval I shall ask Congress to dis-continue the appropriation for clerkships of the $1000. class in this Bureau.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thou-sand Dollars ($50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Treasury.

Dec. 26, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle

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-ment, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer-in-Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Newport.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Treasury.

Dec. 26, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle

-ment, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer-in-charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 26, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, in relation to a cash-book for the use of your mint, attention is called to the press copy of your requisition of the 2nd ult. of August last, from which you will find that the books rec'd by you were made precisely as requested.

Since books of this kind are not kept in stock by the Stationery division of the Department but are invariably made to order at the Government bindery, and as it would require at least three months to supply you from here, it is respectfully suggested that the cash-book already furnished you be made to serve the cashier's purpose.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Dec. 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy report of the Assayer N. Y. assay office upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Similar letters with exception here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

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December 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant you are authorized to call upon Joseph Wharton to deliver fifty thousand 50000 pounds additional of five-cent-nickel blanks under his contract.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 26th, 1888.

Señor Don Vicente G. Quesada,
E. E. and M. P. Argentine Republic,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I find by the authorities that there is a conflict as to the question whether the standard of the Argentine Republic is a single gold standard, the unit being the gold dollar containing 1.6129 grams of gold, or, as stated by certain authorities, whether the standard is a double one with any

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of its silver coins of unlimited legal tender quality.

As it is very important that this information should be had for the purposes of the annual proclamation of values of foreign coins, as per enclosed circular for the present year, and about to be issued for the year 1889, may I beg the favor of an early reply to this communication.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Complying with endorsement referring copy of letter of the Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Chairman Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, in relation to estimates for deficiencies in the appropriations for 1889, I have the honor to report that no deficiencies in the appropriations for the mint service have been brought to my notice for the year in question.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 27, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

The following envelopes for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 No 9½, Plain.

500 Vs. 7, addressed.
Please abstain from telegraphing in future in matters of this kind. It is a useless expenditure as all Stocks, blanks & stationery are invariably forwarded as soon as rec'd.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Offices,
New York City.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Certificates of Silver Deposits (Form No. 5-f.)

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary expense accounts for the month of November and for sometime previous. I have to request that if there is any more painting required at your mint or other extra work to be done, that will admit of the delay, you will please, hereafter, make requisition upon this Bureau for the necessary authority as provided in Sec. 10 Art. 26 of the Instructions and Regulations of the mint Service for 1888.

I object to the payment of so many employés at your mint on vouchers, and if the painting is to continue much longer,

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or if the services of a bricklayer, extra machinist, plumber, extra workmen and an extra helper and cleaner must necessarily be continued, the appointments should be regularly submitted for approval that the names of the employés may be placed upon the pay-rolls of the Mint. In this connection your attention is called to the requirements of Sec. 1. Art. 23. of the regulations.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Coiner's Cash book.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 28, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer-in-charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Dec. 28, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following Stationery for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Envelopes, No. 9, printed.
250 " " 9½, plain.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, I. T.

Dec. 28, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following Stationery for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Official Envelopes, No 9, printed.
500 " " 9½, plain.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 28, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper

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accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

December 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to the circular letter of instructions sent you November 21, 1888, you are requested not to allow any dated coins of 1888 to be delivered to you after December 31.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

December 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Please have carefully prepared and transmit to this Bureau as early as practicable, a summary statement of assay coins forwarded from the Mint at San Francisco to the Mint at Philadelphia during the calendar year 1888, similar to one on page 14 of the printed "Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1888."

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Confirmed.

Allow no dated coins of eighty eight to be delivered after December thirty first.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

December 28, 1888.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I withhold my approval of the nomination of Mrs. Hawkins as adjuster in place of Miss Dicks, resigned, believing that the force of adjusters is now unnecessarily large, under the circumstance that no coinage of silver dollars is likely to take place for some time at your institution. Thinking the force should be reduced to twenty-five, I shall not feel disposed to approve an appointment for any vacancy which may occur by resignation, until the necessity for an increase of the number shall appear.

I believe also that the general force at your institution is excessive in relation to present requirements, and should be glad to have any recommendation from you looking to its reduction, especially as your appropriations are not likely to be helped out from the general appropriation for coinage of silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-five $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars ($11,695.$\frac{05}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Thirty $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars ($230.$\frac{4}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($11,925.$\frac{46}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 24 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 29, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1,000 "Statement of checks drawn,"
(Form No. 261a)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 29, 1888.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

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Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

December 29, 1886.

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

For use of Supervising Architect and Appropriations Committee, indicate by telegraph, and by letter fully, so as to be recognized on plans here, location of new vaults, or improvement of old vaults, for permanent storage of silver dollars.
Confer with Bradley, Superintendent of repairs.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

December 29, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Confirmed

Has supplementary gold coinage been completed?
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.
S.

December 29, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Confirmed

For use of Supervising Architect and Appropriations Committee, indicate by telegraph, and by letter fully, so as to be recognized on plans here, location of new vaults, or improvement of old vaults, for permanent storage of silver dollars.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Dec. 29, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & S. S. Dollar expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Dec. 29, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Dec. 24 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 77 dated Dec. 21, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $11,956.$\frac{63}{100}$, charges $31.$\frac{16}{100}$, and net value $11,925.$\frac{46}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram

Confirmed

In Appointment Book No. 4, Page 318.

Sept. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

As silver-dollar coinage is not likely, have proposed reduction of assistants to twenty-five, by not filling vacancies caused by resignation.

Jas. P. Kimball.
Director Mint.

Dec. 31, 1888.

Señor Don M. Guzman,
E. E. and M. P. of Nicaragua,
Washington.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith the report of the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, North Carolina, upon the sample of gold ore sent direct to that Office by you according to arrangement which I had the pleasure of making with you for the benefit of the Nicaragua Government at your instance.

Respectfully yours,
James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 1st, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section 3564 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, I present in the following table an estimation of the values of the Standard Coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho T. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to the sum of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-five 72/100 Dollars ($11,925.72/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Twenty-four 00/100 Dollars ($224.00/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Forty-nine 72/100 Dollars ($12,149.72/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec 27th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

January 2, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Janʸ 2, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayers in Charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at St. Louis & Boise City, for the month ending November 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Dec 27, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint

at Philadelphia Shipment No. 20, dated Dec. 15, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $2,182.20, charges $32.48, and net value $2,149.72. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 2nd, 1889.

Assayer-in-Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, T. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, you are

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informed that your communication of November 27 on the subject of the claim of Mr. A. B. Taylor to a portion of the Assay Office premises was forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, by reference of this Bureau, December 3. Upon inquiry I learn to-day that the matter is pending in the Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury, and that this officer is waiting for a report from the U. S. District Attorney for Montana.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 Daily Statement. (Form No. 250)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

January 2, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

C. D. No. 608 for $13,891.57 being on account of charges for parting and refining inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 2, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 2d, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Hallgarten, Colgate & Co.	200,000 Ounces,	at $0.9335
Kranday & Carman	275,000 Ounces,	at $0.9335
J. W. Seligman & Co.	100,000 Ounces,	at $0.9335
American Exchange National Bank	100,000 Ounces,	at $0.9335

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7243 for $82.04 being on account of old material inclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ C. D. No. 7244 for $36.00, being on account of assay fees +

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7248 for $125.35, being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ C. D. No. 7249 for $5,547.91 being on account of parting and refining charges + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion." + +

January 2, 1889.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In the matter of your nomination of E. L. Hambright for the Cabinet, vice Marcellus Cove, I have to say that it does not seem to me necessary to appoint a man for any special duties in the cabinet, and before acting in the matter I should like to inquire whether Mr. Cove's change of title has changed his clerical duties.

In this connection I do not feel that it is justifiable to employ any longer a man on the old books of the mint, the services of the present man so employed having now discontinued about a year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

E. D. No. 575 for $17,260.72 being on account of surplus bullion inclosed in your communication of the 7th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram. American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and thirty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Telegram Confirmed — Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram Confirmed — J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

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Telegram Confirmed — Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and thirty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y 2, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed — Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional declined.

Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

January 2, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Messrs Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

January 2d, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer received too late.
Jas. C. Kimball
Director Mint.

January 2nd, 1889.

Messrs. Wm B. Dana & Co.
#102 William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 1st instant for subscription to the Commercial and Financial Chronicle for one year from January 1. 1889, purchased for the use of the Bureau of the Mint, amounting to $10.25 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-six 79/100 Dollars ($10496.79/100) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Sixty-eight 58/100 Dollars ($168.58/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-five 82/100 Dollars, ($10665.82/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 3, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Treasurer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Dec. 29, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 28, dated Dec. 22, 1888; has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10,698.37/100, charges $23.05/100, and net value $10,665.32/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Jany 3d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 50000 Ounces, at $0.9335.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Authority is hereby granted you to purchase the cash Book referred to in your letter of the 29th ultimo, but hereafter, in making requisitions for books, I will thank you to cause them to be described in such manner as will prevent the possibility of error in their manufacture.

Please make note of this authority on face of voucher.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 3, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 3, 1889

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

Register of Assays, Gold Deposits.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 3, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd ultimo you are informed that $97.20 of the $102.30 paid from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, as advised under date of the 13th ultimo, was expended for wages of workmen, and the remaining $5.10, on account of Contingent expenses.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

January 3, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Weigh Clerk's Books of Silver Purchases.
" " " " " " Deposits.
1 Record of Gold Coin Certificates.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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W. B. Dana & Co.
102 William St.,
New York City.

Error was discovered and correction mailed to all.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,582.$\frac{72}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Twenty-one $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($221.$\frac{82}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Four $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,804.$\frac{74}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated Dec. 31, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 4, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion

Fund of the United States Assay Office Office, at Boise City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of four hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars ($435,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

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"firmed

Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury concurs with me that you cannot undertake to decide conflicting claims to deposits in your hands. Recourse of claimants will be by legal process.

Jas. P. Kimball, Director, Mint.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Dec. 31, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 21, dated Dec. 22, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10,834.30/100, charges $29.56/100, and net value $10,804.74/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 4, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 4, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your Daily Statement of 31st December is returned

herewith for correction.
No checks are entered as paid depositors on forms 250 while a statement of checks drawn on that date amounting to $613.60 is enclosed.
Please make the necessary correction and return the statements promptly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have a letter from the Postmaster at Detroit to the effect that he cannot find the "Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Refining Company."

If you have the exact street address of the firm or one of their letter heads, please forward it to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:
1 Weigh Clerk's Book of Silver Bullion Deposited.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name the sum of four hundred and thirty five thousand dollars ($435,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

Janry 4th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 125,000 Ounces, at $0.9330

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have

been mailed you this day, viz:
4 Registers of Gold Ingots and Clippings.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 4, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In answer to yours of December 27, I have to say that the objection which I named, if not considered by you sufficiently forcible against your proposal to hire a safe in the vaults of the Missouri Safe Deposit Company during the period of your occupation of temporary assay office, need not stand in the way of your discretion in such an emergency.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1889.

Telegram

George C. Munson,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Can you serve on Assay Commission at Philadelphia February thirteenth, expenses paid? Answer, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Prof. R. Peter,
Lexington, Kentucky

G. H. Shepard,
68 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C.

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Telegram

Prof. George H. Cook,
Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Can you serve on Assay Commission at Philadelphia February thirteenth? Answer, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams, addressed to:

J. D. Hague,
18 Wall Street, New York City.

E. N. Horsford,
Bratttle Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Clarence King,
18 Wall Street, New York City.

Henry Leffmann,
715 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Henry Morton,
Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

Prof. J. S. Newberry,
Columbia College,
New York City.

William B. Potter,
Washington University,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and three tenth cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

January 5, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco be directed by telegraph to ship the amount to the Superintendent of said institution.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to increase your Bullion Fund by a transfer of One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be shipped you by the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco in Gold Coin.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Janry 5, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 5, 1889.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1088 for $60.- being on account of Assays of ore inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 5, 1889.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir.

C. D. No. 1089 for $52.19 being on account of deductions inclosed in your communication of the 2d inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 5th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

You will please forward a statement of "Assets and Liabilities," of date of the close of business Dec. 31, 1888, similar to that published on page 276, of the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals, 1887.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Assayer U. S., Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

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Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, City.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 5, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your communications of August 4 and September 17, 1888, with reference to liability of mint for sewer tax, and which, by endorsement of this Bureau, were forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury September 21, I have to state for your information that the subject-matter of same is still pending in the office of the Solicitor of the Treasury, to whom the papers in the case were referred for opinion. I am informed that the delay is occasioned by non-receipt of a supplementary report from the United States District Attorney for Colorado.

Respectfully yours,

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

C.D. No. 7236 for $500.42, being on account of charges inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

+ C.D. No. 7237 for $113.18, being on account of "Sweeps" +

+ C.D. No. 7238 for $10.- + + + sale of old material +
+ No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, +

+ C.D. No. 7239 for $10.- + + + sale of old material +
+ No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, +

+ C.D. No. 7240 for $3.- + + + + sale of old material +
No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, +

+ C.D. No. 7241 for $6.--, + + + + bullion assays +
+ + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts +

January 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Please have carefully prepared and transmit to this Bureau as early as practicable, a summary statement of gold and silver assay coins forwarded from the Mint at New Orleans to the Mint at Philadelphia, during the calendar year 1888, similar to one on page 15 of the printed "Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1888."

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

January 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

C. D. No. 609 for $240.75, being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 610 for $196.—, + + + special Assays + + + + + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts + +

C. D. No. 612 for $2571.90 + + + + Sale of by-products + + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts + +

C. D. No. 613 for $128.34 + + + Sales of old material, + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts + + + + + + +

January 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to letters to you of March 8, 12 and 21, 1888, you will please have it understood that coins of date of 1889 are not to be purchased for the cabinet of the Mint from the mint appropriations except upon special authority from this Bureau.

No little confusion in the annual statements for the fiscal year 1888 resulted from the irregularity of last year in this matter.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward Form 135 "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay," for months of November and December, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

On Form 193 for December, and in future whenever more than one denomination shall have been struck, please state separately the number of ounces and cost, nominal value of coinage and the seignorage, of trade-dollar bullion coined into each denomination of coin.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1 Assayer's Register of Gold Bullion.
4 Register of Deposits.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

January 5, 1889

Representative R. P. Bland,
Capitol.

Kindly designate member of Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures for appointment by President on Assay Commission, to meet at Philadelphia February thirteenth.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

January 5, 1889.

Telegram

E. J. Leeds,
Leeds Foundry, New Orleans, La.

Supervising Architect-Secret suggests your name for member of Assay Commission, to meet in Philadelphia February thirteenth, expenses paid. You can ascertain duties at New Orleans Mint. Will you serve? Answer by telegraph, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

January 5, 1889.

Telegram

Augustus J. Bowie,
217, Sansome Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Can you serve on Assay Commission at Philadelphia February thirteenth, expenses paid? Answer, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director Mint.

January 5, 1889.

Telegram

Robert P. Waging,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Can you serve on Assay Commission at Philadelphia, February thirteenth? Answer, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram

William B. Potter,
44 East 25th Street, New York City.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer-in-Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan. 7, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Janry. 7, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

January 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

C.D. No. 136 for $160.97 being on account of parting and refining bullion inclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 7, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

C.D. No. 137 for $1.92, being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 3rd instant, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 7th 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant in relation

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& Receipt-book, Form 23, I have & say that only blanks in ordinary and general use are kept in stock in this Bureau, it will be necessary therefore & have the book you require, made by the public printer. To do this you will be required & furnish a sample leaf with full description, as to number of pages, character of binding, labelling &c., written plainly upon it. As all books furnished by the Government bindery are without cost to the mint service you will observe the importance of obtaining them on requisitions instead of paying for them from the regular appropriations. A little care and forethought in the making of requisitions will enable you to keep yourself supplied with all blanks and blank books necessary for the use of your mint.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 7, 1889

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I have & acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending Decem. 31, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Herewith is returned for correction, Form 125 for October.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 7, 1889.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. Nos. 642 for $4.50, being on account of sales of old material - inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, receipt as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 643 for $1247.32, + + + sale of by-products + + + + + + + + +

Telegram

January 7, 1889

William B. Potter,
44 East 25th Street, New York City.

Can you suggest two or three names from Northwest for Assay Commission? ... assayers preferred who

have not served before.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Telegram

January 7, 1889.

Prof. William H. Pettee,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Can you serve on Assay Commission, at Philadelphia February thirteenth, expenses paid? - Answer, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

January 7, 1889.

Messrs. Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have transmitted your letter of the 5th instant to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with the remark that your request seems just and reasonable and is in accordance with the Regulations. This matter, however, is left by the Department to the discretion of the Superintendent.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of Officers and employes of the Bureau of the Mint for the calendar year 1888, with the compensation paid to each as directed in Circular

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letter of the Department under date of the 7th instant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Jan'y 8, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National Bank at Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.

January 8, 1889

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, has not been received at this Bureau.

Please forward at once.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany 8, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National Bank at Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Coin eleven hundred thousand Silver dollars in January.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

January 8th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9380

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9380
J. & W. Seligman & Co. 40,000 Ounces, at $0.9380
Fourth National Bank 40,000 Ounces, at $0.9380
American Exchange
National Bank 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9380

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause Two million Silver dollars to be coined in January.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have To-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury To cause to be advanced you the sum of $10,000. from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that Coinage during the current month. I have made the amount $10,000. instead of $12000. as requested by you, because it is intended only to supplement your appropriation for Wages of Workmen.

All bills including copper for alloy will hereafter be paid from your contingent appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

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of your institution during the month of January 1889, has been approved for the sum of $39000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889,	$ 3,000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	26,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	10,000

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your attention is called to Form 135 (herewith returned) for December. The number of quarter dollars reserved December 20 for annual assay has been entered three, instead of five as required by law.

Your Daily Statement for the same date also appears to be in error, the value of the silver coins which should have been reserved being $46.25 not $44.75.

Respectfully yours
Jas P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

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E. M. L. Ehlers, Esq.,
Masonic Hall,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 7th instant I have to state that the Mint at Philadelphia is empowered to strike medals, other than national,

from dies already prepared.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany 8, 1889.

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall St., New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety three and eight tenth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram

American Exchange Nat'l Bank
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and eight tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
19 Wall Street
New York.

Jany 8, 1889.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Jany 8, 1889

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your Offer of twenty-five thousand ounces additional declined.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

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Telegram

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Your Offer of ten thousand ounces additional declined
Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint

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Telegram

January 8, 1889

Hon. Charles Tracey,
House of Representatives.

Chairman Bland was asked Saturday to designate member to serve on Assay Commission at Philadelphia February thirteenth. Please ask him to name commissioner at once. Appointment of Commission awaiting his action. Should be glad if yourself be selected.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

January 9, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars ($13,247.\frac{37}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Seventy-three $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($73.\frac{46}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars ($13,320.\frac{83}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum, dated January 2, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, rendered by me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

January 9, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Authority to purchase desk as requested, and explained in your letter of Nov. 12th last, is hereby approved with the understanding however, that a deficiency in your appropriation for wages and contingent Expenses must be avoided even if it is necessary to furlough, without pay, a portion of your clerical and working force. Authority is also granted you to make the necessary repairs on the Store house, provided the Appropriation for "Repairs of building etc.", is not exceeded.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated January 2, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 12 dated Dec. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $13,353.$\frac{70}{100}$, charges $32.$\frac{87}{100}$, and net value $13,320.$\frac{83}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 9, 1889

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of January, 1889 has been approved for the sum of $2500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 1000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	$ 1300
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	$ 200

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

over

	$22,000.00	
Salaries,	1889,	$ 3000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	14000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	5000
		$ 22,000

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1889, has been approved for the sum of $236.80, payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$236.80
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

	$1200.00	
Salaries,	1889,	$ 500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	500
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	200

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City N. Y.

over

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		$6300.00
Salaries,	1889,	$3,400
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2,100
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	800

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

		$501.40
Salaries,	1889	$301.40
Wages of Workmen,	1889	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889	

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Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado:

Sir:

The proper distinction between gold deposits and silver deposits seems now to be so carefully observed at the Mint at Denver in making entries in the Register of Deposits that but one error in this particular is noted in the Register for the quarter ended December 31, 1888, namely:

"Gold Deposit" No. 841: Fineness, gold 439, Silver 528; standard weight, gold 40.963 ounces, Silver 48.85 ounces.

The Register should be officially signed, however, by the Melter at least once each month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.